

**WILLIAMSBURG
ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD MINUTES
Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

CALL TO ORDER AND ATTENDANCE

The regular semimonthly Architectural Review Board meeting was held on Tuesday, February 10, 2004, at 6:30 p.m. in the third Floor Conference Room of the Municipal Building.

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order. Present in addition to Mr. Williams were Board members Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Spence, Mr. Walker, Mr. Watson, and Mr. Pons. Absent was Mr. Durbin. Also present was Zoning Administrator Murphy and Zoning Officer Beck.

CONSENT AGENDA

ARB #04-014 Nodler/109 Delaware Avenue – Fence – Approved.

ARB #04-015 Payne & Homza/711 College Terrace – Window Replacement – Approved.

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SIGN #04-007 The Feathered Nest/110 Bacon Avenue – Building Mounted Sign – Approved.

ARB

SIGN #04-008 Dis & That Flea Market/1214 Richmond Road – Freestanding Sign – Approved.

Mr. Walker motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented.

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Spence, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Watson, Mr. Pons.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Durbin, Mr. Sandbeck.

Abstain: None.

ARCHITECTURAL PRESERVATION DISTRICT

ARB #04-016 Williamsburg Presbyterian Church – New Sanctuary

Mr. William Thompson, Thompson and Wright Architects, presented the revised plans based on comments received during conceptual review noting the following:

- The revised rendering of the south elevation (Richmond Road) eliminated the larger windows which were a concern expressed during conceptual

review because larger windows were not currently located on this elevation of the church. He and the congregation studied smaller windows and decided the smaller windows were very much out of place and decided to eliminate windows on that elevation.

- The rendering of the east and north elevations has been revised to include windows in the blank walls where the stairs are located as recommended by the Board except on the east elevation windows were added on the first and second floor levels only because of the closeness of the building to the property line prohibits an additional window to meeting current building codes. These two windows on the east elevation are permitted because an exterior suppression system has been added to meet building code requirements.
- Elevations have been provided with and without the steeple as requested during conceptual review. They studied several elevations with several different types of steeples and decided on the steeple as shown on the attached drawings.
- They investigated alternative windows to the Anderson Window presented at the meeting to include Pella, Marvin and Peachtree, as well as Anderson and studied the sizes and availability of materials, as well as their maintenance characteristics. The study revealed that the preformed rigid vinyl PVC cladding, provided by Anderson Window, provides less maintenance over the life of the building than the other manufacturers. In addition they could not find a window that matched the existing windows on the 1992 addition. Therefore, on the second floor of the Richmond Road elevation, they plan to reuse existing windows that will be salvaged through the demolition. On the first floor, they plan to use custom wood double insulated windows, which will be manufactured to match the existing wood windows on the same elevation. The large windows in the sanctuary will also be wood double insulated windows because a manufacture could not be located that could make the size and configuration required in either aluminum or PVC cladding.

The Board followed with a discussion on the windows in the stairwell on the north and east elevations and agreed a better solution to break up the brick on the stairwell on the east elevation brick was recessed brick where the windows would be located. This alternative would remove the requirement for an external fire suppression system which is very costly.

Mr. Sandbeck stated the existing church was constructed in the 1930's and that historically Virginia churches of this time period were constructed of good materials but typically did not have steeples. The steeple proposed was of a classical Georgian design and was inconsistent with the origin and design of the existing church. He noted that Georgian style churches of the 18th century were grandiose and had huge steeples such as the churches in Charleston, South

Carolina. Mr. Spence noted the proposed steeple proportions were inconsistent with the building, i.e., the steeple should be the same height as the building. Ms. Murphy noted that the Zoning Ordinance limits the height of steeples to 90 feet which would preclude the provision of a properly sized steeple for the church as designed. Mr. Thompson stated that the congregation wanted a steeple. Mr. Sandbeck noted that Virginia churches typically built in the 1930's did not have steeples, but there was the occasional church that had a belfry or cupola. It was the consensus of the Board that the design of the church be in keeping with the historical nature of churches built in Virginia in the early 1900's. It was noted that the existing sanctuary was one of historical significance to the City and that further investigation and consideration should be given to any addition of a steeple, cupola or belfry.

Mr. Williams motioned to approved ARB #04-016 conditioned upon the stairwell windows on the east elevation being recessed brick (blind windows) and further consideration being given whether a steeple, cupola or belfry is desired and submission of appropriate details of the choice(s).

Recorded vote on the motion:

Aye: Mr. Sandbeck, Mr. Spence, Mr. Williams, Mr. Walker, Mr. Watson,
Mr. Pons.

Nay: None.

Absent: Mr. Durbin.

Abstain: None.

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The minutes were approved as presented.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Jason Beck
Zoning Officer